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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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MINUTES November 16, 2011

COMMISSIONERS	ORGANIZATION	EMS AGENCY STAFF	POSITION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Austin	LAC Ambulance Assn	Cathy Chidester	Director, EMS
<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Binch (Exc)	Public Member, 4 th District	Kay Fruhwirth	Assistant Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald B. Clute	HASC	Bill Koenig, M.D.	Medical Director, EMS
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clayton Kazan, MD	CAL/ACEP	Deidre Gorospe	EMS Staff
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Snyder	Emergency Nurses Assn.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Thompson	LA County Fire Chiefs Assn.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Washburn (Exc)	Public Member, 5 th District		
<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	Public Member, 2 nd District		

GUESTS			
Sean English	Pasadena Fire Department	Patrick Powers	Lynch Ambulance
Brian Ranger	VERIHEALTH		

(Ab) = Absent; (Exc) = Excused Absence

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was held in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. An informational meeting proceeded at 1:15 PM as there was not a quorum of the Commission present.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Cathy Chidester, Executive Director, announced that the Agency had planned to honor Commissioner Frank Pratt, MD, for his years of service to the EMS Commission but he was unable to attend the meeting. He will be recognized at a later date. Chairman David Austin commended Commissioner Pratt for his contributions over the years to the EMS Commission.
- Cathy Chidester informed the Commission that letters have been sent to associations/organizations requesting that they forward nomination letters to the Board of Supervisors for the new term starting in January 2012. The majority of the EMS Commission appointments will expire on November 19, 2011.
- Chairman Austin noted that the Minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting were not listed on the Agenda for approval and would be revisited on January 18, 2012, for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cathy Chidester commented on the following correspondence to provide an understanding of what is going on within the EMS Agency and the EMS system:

- 2.1 Letter from Cathy Chidester, Director, EMS Agency dated 10/25/2011 to Fire Chief Tony Trabbie, Arcadia Fire Department regarding verification of approval as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider
- 2.4 Letter from Cathy Chidester dated 10/24/2011 to Scott White, General Manager, Los Angeles County Division, American Medical Response regarding Rate Guarantee for Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services Agreement Nos. 75610, 75611, 75612 (Revision)
- 2.14 Memo from Cathy Chidester dated 9/30/2011 to Connie Yee, Chief, Accounting Division, Auditor-Controller, regarding FY 2011-2012 Ambulance Administrative Fines
- 2.15 Memo from Cathy Chidester dated 9/21/2011 to President/Chief Executive Officer, Each 9-1-1 Receiving Facility regarding Emergency Department-To-Emergency Department Transfers of Trauma Patients

CALL TO ORDER:

With a quorum being officially present at 1:30 PM, Chairman David Austin called the Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting to order.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C: Commissioner Flashman/Clute to approve the Consent Calendar.

5. BUSINESS (Old Business)

5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives

- *Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement*
Ms. Chidester reported that phone requests to the CEO's office have been made by the EMS Agency regarding an update on the 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement policy with no response to date. The EMS Commission briefly discussed forwarding a letter to the CEO's office requesting a status report or update.

M/S/C: Commissioner Clute/Kazan to forward a letter signed by Chairman Austin to the CEO's office requesting a status report on the 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement Policy.

**ACTION: Draft a letter for Chairman Austin's signature to the CEO's office requesting a status report on the 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement Policy
Responsibility: EMS Agency**

- *Augmenting EMS Commission Membership*
Ms. Chidester reported that the Ordinance Amendment to the County Code, Title 3 regarding the EMS Commission was approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 1, 2011. This now brings the total number of EMS Commission appointments to 19. A letter will be sent to the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association (LACPCA) and the Southern California Public Health Association (SCPHA) requesting nominations to fill the position.
- *Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Draft Report*
Cathy Chidester reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the Department of Health Services recommendations to reduce the reimbursement rate for PSIP to

12 percent for FY 2010-2011 outstanding claims and to establish the initial reimbursement rate at 14 percent of the Official County Fee Schedule for FY 2011-2012. These actions should ensure that there will be adequate funds to pay the remaining claims for FY 2010-2011 and for projected claims in FY 2011-2012.

On October 25, 2011, Supervisor Don Knabe presented a motion recommending that the Director of DHS be allowed to work directly with the CEO and Auditor-Controller's office to implement remaining recommendations in the Auditor-Controller's March 11, 2011 report. In addition the CEO will draft a five signature Board letter to State legislators encouraging them to support efforts to restore/replace State PSIP funding.

5.2 Pediatric Advisory Committee

Richard Tadeo, Assistant Director, EMS Agency reported that the Pediatric Advisory Committee was scheduled to meet next month. Once the Bylaws are approved by the Committee, they will be presented to the EMS Commission for review.

5.3 Chapter 13 Task Force/AB210 (Solorio)

Chairman Austin reported that the Chapter 13 Task Force has not been meeting. Chapter 13 was intended to develop regulations to support the AB 210 legislation (now AB1387). Present issues before the AB1387 Committee are exclusivity for fire services first responders and anti-trust community, dispatch, annexation, and what constitutes a contract with an EMS agency. Chairman Austin stated that EMSAAC has requested that the Committee take a step back and define the scope of the legislation. The AB1387 Committee will meet on November 28 and will continue to work through the Bill's language.

5.4 Flu Season

Kay Fruhwirth distributed two handouts, FluView, representing flu activity throughout the country and Influenza Watch, a report published by the Department of Public Health. Ms. Fruhwirth reported that there has been very little flu activity so far this season.

(New Business)

5.5 Appointment of a Nominating Committee

Chairman Austin appointed Commissioners Snyder, Flashman, and Binch to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2012. Cathy Chidester announced that the EMS Agency will make Sub-committee assignments in the coming weeks and any Commissioner who wanted to request a specific assignment should advise Marilyn Rideaux.

6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Commissioner Flashman inquired about transport of STEMI patients
- Commissioner Margulies inquired regarding the number of trauma patients from non-trauma hospital emergency departments that are transferred to the ED of trauma hospitals

- Commissioner Carole Snyder reported that the Board of Registered Nurses is due to sunset at the end of the year if the Governor does not sign Legislation to put the Board back in place.

7. LEGISLATION

No report

8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Cathy Chidester announced that Dr. Bill Koenig would be awarded the State EMS Authority's Medical Director of the Year Award in December at the State EMS Commission meeting.
- Cathy Chidester announced that Commissioner Daniel Margulies was appointed to the State EMS Commission.
- Richard Tadeo reported on the EMS Agency Quality Indicator Summary Report. There were eight indicators on the report and he discussed comments and recommendations of each indicator from the Technical Advisor Group.
- Cathy Chidester reported that the EMSAAC conference for 2012 would be held in Long Beach aboard the Queen Mary on June 5 and 6, 2012.
- Cathy Chidester reported that there were two Halloween events on the same day and in the same general area. They both were treated as MCI events. One was a carnival in West Hollywood with 60 EMS calls, 27 transports to 8 hospitals in the area. The second event was a parade on Hollywood Blvd. with 33 EMS calls, 13 transports to 6 area hospitals.
- Cathy Chidester reported that representatives from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Probation Department were on hand at the last HASC meeting to do a presentation on the State's Parolee Program. Commissioner Clute requested that a representative from DMH be invited to the next EMSC meeting to provide an update.

ACTION: Invite a representative of DMH to the January 18, 2012 meeting to provide an update on the State's Parolee Program

Responsibility: EMS Agency

- Kay Fruhwirth announced there would be a Statewide Medical and Health disaster exercise on Thursday, November 17, 2011. The exercise scenario is based on a do not use order related to the water supply.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C: Commissioners Flashman/Parrish to adjourn to the meeting of January 18, 2012.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM to the meeting of January 18, 2012 at 1:00 PM

**Next Meeting: January 18, 2012
EMS Commission Hearing Room (1st Floor)
EMS Agency
10100 Pioneer Blvd.
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670**

Recorded by:
Marilyn E. Rideaux
Commission Liaison

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